



IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Narihiro TAHARA et al. Conf.: 9156

Appl. No.: 09/903,694 Group: 1714

Filed: July 13, 2001 Examiner: WYROZEBSKI LEE, K.I.

For: RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TYRE TREAD

RESPONSE TO NON-RESPONSIVE ACTION and SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 18, 2003

Sir:

In a conversation with the Examiner on December 17, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the claims as currently pending in the instant response would be examined and the non-responsive communication issued on November 20, 2003 would be withdrawn.

Moreover, in response to the Non-Responsive of November 20, 2003 and in response to the Office Action of April 21, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Amendment includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.



PATENT 1403-0212P

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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